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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 319
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 2, after "**Repeal**" insert "**and Study**"; and in line 6, after "circumstances;" insert "requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, to study the current regulations for vehicles other than a certain type of school vehicle;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, after line 2, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a)   The State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, shall review the regulations adopted under § 7–801(c) of the Education Article, as enacted by Chapters 197 and 198 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021, authorizing vehicles other than Type I and Type II school vehicles to transport public school students.

(b)   In reviewing the regulations, the Department shall examine:

(1)   the requirements for vehicles other than Type I and Type II school vehicles, including whether they arbitrarily distinguish between different operators of a vehicle, different types of vehicles, and the number of passengers transported;

(2)   the requirements for the drivers of vehicles other than Type I and Type II school vehicles, including whether they adequately ensure drivers are prepared for transporting public school students; and

(3)   the regulations adopted by the Public Service Commission for transportation network operators and whether the regulations adopted by the Department can be brought into alignment with those regulations without sacrificing student safety.

(c)   On or before January 1, 2027, the State Department of Education shall report on the results of its review to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.";

and in line 3, strike "2." and substitute "3.".